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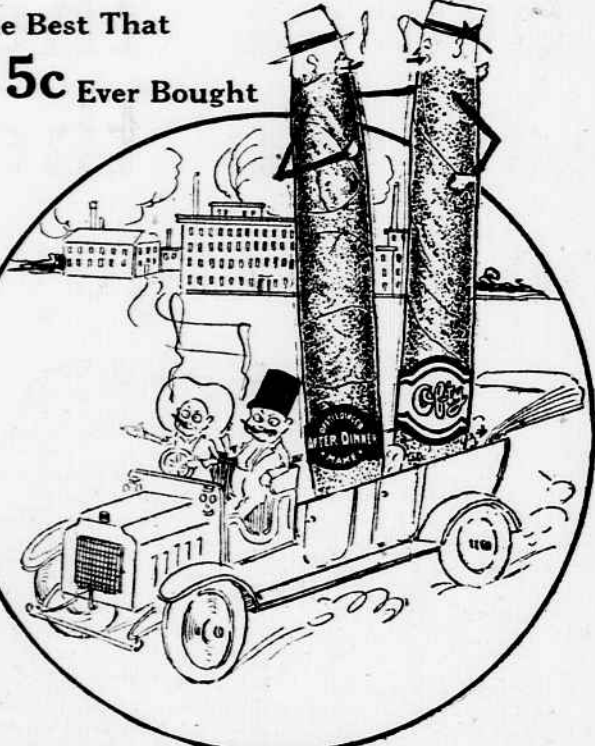
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GRIFFITH THINKS HIS PITCHERS ARE FIT

Looks for Nationals to Get
Good Start in Pen-
nant Race.

HAS SIX TWIRLERS WHO
ARE READY TO GO ROUTE

Cashion to Be First One to Be Sent
In to Work a Whole
Game.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

"We will have good pitching from the outset of the season. I have at least six pitchers who are ready to go the route when the season opens and that ought to be an advantage," remarked Manager Griffith this morning.

"I have never seen a lot of young twirlers who looked better in the spring than our corps. They have been working diligently and are in the best physical condition possible. I don't believe that any of our rivals will have anything on us in the matter of pitching. I shall let my pitchers take it easy now in order that they may be strong when the season opens. They have reached that stage of their training where a let-up is necessary. Once the season opens the pitchers will be doing enough work to keep them on edge without indulging in any strenuous practice."

"What are the Nationals' chances for getting a good start in the race?" was asked.

"First rate. I should judge. I don't believe that any of the other teams will have anything on us in the matter of condition and I look to get a flying start."

The squad was sent through a hard batting practice again this morning. Most of the pitchers took a fifteen-minute turn on the slab and all of them showed to good advantage. Johnson and Engel are being rested so as to be on edge for the games which will be played in Cincinnati Saturday and Sunday.

While the Regulars will be in Cincinnati Saturday and Sunday, Herman Schaefer's Yankees will clash with the Newark team at League Park Saturday afternoon. Friday the Regulars play the Vermont College team here, leaving immediately after the game for Cincinnati.

Eddie Foster is likely to make the trip to Cincinnati. His spiked foot is healing rapidly and if the Yankees turn for the worse he will be in the squad which leaves for the Ohio city tomorrow evening. The wound is not nearly as serious as was expected and Foster is sure to be fit to play within a day or so.

Though George McBride is taking his daily practice with the rest of the squad, Manager Griffith does not propose to take him on the Cincinnati trip, since he does not want to take any chances of aggravating his injury. McBride, however, is expected to get in the line-up in the games scheduled here for next week. Wally Smith will play his position in the games at Cincinnati.

Unless it should rain this afternoon the game with Newark is sure to be played. The playing field is in good shape, considering conditions, and Manager Griffith helped matters considerably by burning a lot of gasoline on the base paths this morning, drying them out thoroughly. Harry Harper and Collier are slated to do the pitching against the International League champions, Harper working the first four or five innings and Collier finishing.

The first of Griffith's pitchers to be sent the entire route of a full game will all probably be Carl Cashion, who, if the day is warm, will go the distance against the Vermont team tomorrow. Cashion is believed to be ready for such exertion on a warm day and if such weather prevails tomorrow he will start and finish the game against the collegians. Griffith is confident that Cashion will be of much service to the team this season and he is particularly anxious to have him get in his best condition as early as possible. Griffith is confident that the early part of the season when the batsmen are still a bit timid about standing up at the plate.

Despite the fact that the pitchers are all cutting loose in practice and using about everything they have in their repertoire, little Acosta continues to hit splendidly. He went over the top end remarkably since last fall and it is not going to be an easy matter to keep him out of the line-up this summer unless all of Griffith's regular outfielders play up to their best.

Acosta has not displayed a weakness of any character this spring. He can hit a field and throw and is by no means a novice when it comes to running bases. The only thing that could possibly handicap him is his youth, and even that may prove an advantage.

KIRKBY MAKES RECORD.

Jersey Golf Champion Does Havana Club Course in 75 Strokes.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Oswald Kirby, 1912 golf champion of New Jersey, has established a new Cuban record in the sport by doing the Havana Country Club course in 75 strokes. He did it the very first time he went over the links, although the mark has been plugged away at by numerous players for a year.

Kirby played for ten days or more there, but could not equal his own mark. Walter J. Travis held the old record of 78. Once the past winter Travis would have done a 75 had he had a putt of medium length, but as he did not attempt to run in down there, there is no telling whether he would have missed or not.

MOUNT PLEASANT DUCKPIN LEAGUE.
Harvards. Kenyons.
Muzzey. 142 116 106 Stinson. 95 113 81
Murch. 91 91 91 Strunk. 104 108 85
Pristor. 102 77 95 Clavos. 99 98 111
Parker. 84 103 108 McDonald. 102 102
Hempel. 85 99 114 Grimes. 107 113 105
Totals. 461 474 402 Totals. 511 515 481

ARCADE DUCKPIN LEAGUE.
Goodfellows.
Otz. 142 127 114 Bauer. 85 85 93
Bresnahan 97 108 100 W. Horley 85 90 103
Hansford. 80 80 100 McDonald. 92 94 92
King. 91 115 110 Downing. 124 123 103
Dumny. 80 80 80 Steifel. 95 102 97
Totals. 490 479 409 Totals. 484 494 488

DISTRICT DUCKPIN LEAGUE.
Results.
George. 97 97 98 Wells. 106 115 107
Hollenbach. 95 95 100 Goddard. 90 97 101
Connell. 95 103 130 Lewis. 121 120 102
Dumny. 85 85 85 Halley. 85 85 85
Fowler. 84 103 108 McDonald. 102 102
Totals. 456 498 508 Totals. 520 510 483

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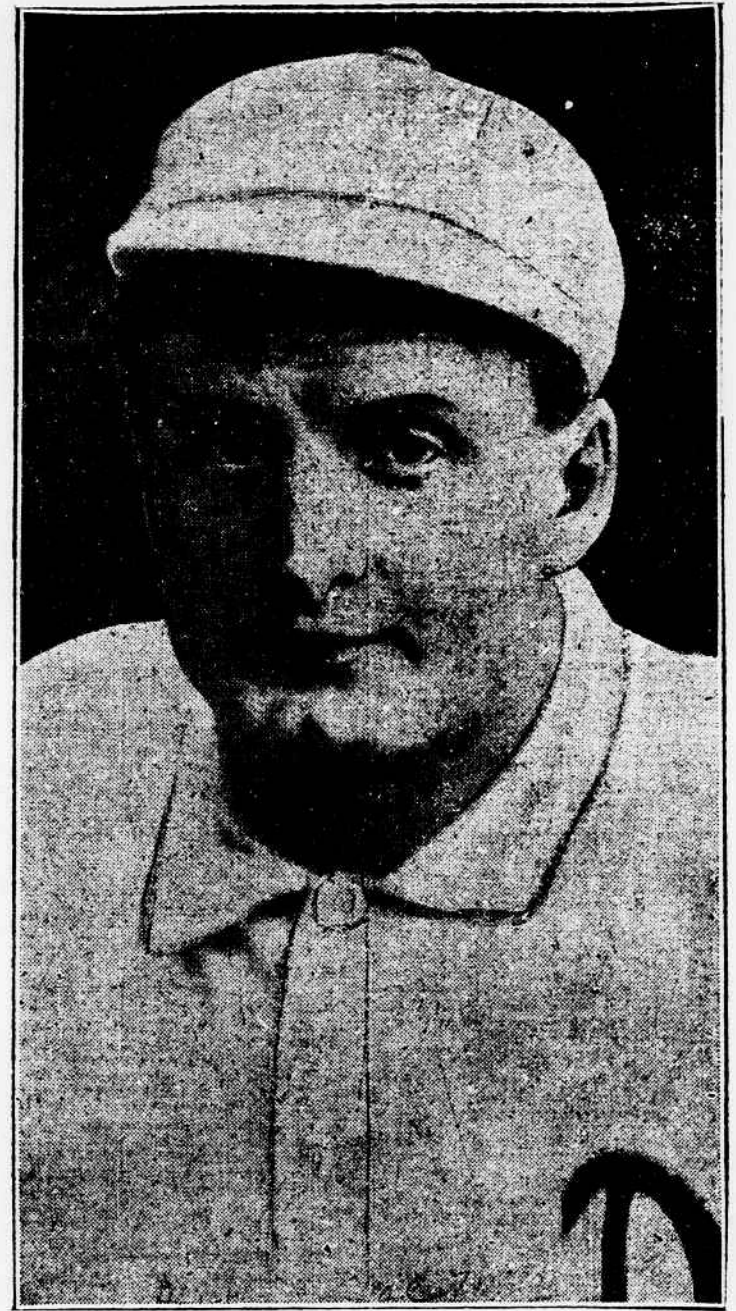
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RUBE WADDELL.

RUBE WADDELL DEAD GOOD SCORES ARE MADE BY BOWLERS

Famous Southpaw Loses in
Battle With Tuberculosis.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 2.—George Edward Waddell, the famous Rube, as he was known wherever base ball is played, died at a sanatorium here late yesterday, a victim of tuberculosis, after a long fight for life. Waddell, once one of the greatest of base ball pitchers, came to west Texas four months ago, already weakened by pulmonary trouble, but buoyant and hopeful that a few months would see him restored to health and back in the game. He located on a ranch near Boerne, but instead of improving, his strength grew weaker from day to day until his condition became so serious last month that he was brought to a sanatorium here.

John Waddell, Rube's father, and his mother arrived from Boerne two hours after their son died. A sister, who lives here, is the only other surviving relative. Interment will be here tomorrow.

WILL OPEN MAY 1.

Colored Departmental League to Be
gin Play at That Time.

Officers of the Colored Departmental League met Tuesday and elected Mr. Corbin president, James L. Hunt secretary and William James treasurer. It is planned to open the league May 1 with six teams representing the different departments.

There are two vacancies at present, and the circuit would like to hear from the Post Office and the bureau of engraving and printing or some other department. The secretary can be notified at 1015 1/2 street northwest.

CHESS MASTER SAILS.

Frank J. Marshall Off to Play in
Big Tourney Abroad.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Frank J. Marshall left yesterday on La Provence for St. Petersburg, where he will represent the United States in the forthcoming international congress of chess masters, to which Czar Nicholas has made a donation of one million rubles.

The tournament, in which he will meet the champions of Russia, England, France, Germany, Austria, Hungary and Cuba, will begin April 20 and will continue for about three weeks.

NAMES ATHLETIC DELEGATES.

Weeks and Sullivan, New York

Men, Going to France.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Alfred J. Lill, Jr., president of the Amateur Athletic Union, has announced the delegates to the meeting of the International Amateur Athletic Federation that is to be held at Lyons, France, June 4, as follows: Alfred J. Lill, Jr., of Boston, Bartow S. Weeks of New York, E. C. Brown of Chicago, Joseph B. Macaulay of Boston and James E. Sullivan of New York.

The convention at Lyons will be held from June 4 to 11, when the delegates will leave the federation meeting and attend the International Olympic Conclave at Paris June 13.

EBBETS DARES FEDS

TO TOUCH HIS MEN

NEW YORK, April 2.—"The Federal League's threat to sign organized base ball is nothing but a cheap bluff," declared President C. H. Ebbets of the Brooklyn team. "They wouldn't dare to sign a man already under contract. It would be contrary to the courts would fix them. I defy them to touch any of my players. Their only motive are publicity and an effort to get men in the big leagues dissatisfied. This Doc Gessler and his gumshoeing gang had better watch out or some manager will punch them in the nose. They'd better let me alone."

TWO GAMES ARE SCHEDULED TODAY

Amherst Is to Meet George-
town, While Seaton Hall Will
Play Catholic U.

RICE SAYS FOUR-MILE
RACE IS MUCH TOO LONG

Columbia Coach Thinks the Event
Should Be Shortened Because
of Conditions Here.

BY H. C. BYRD.

Amherst and Seaton Hall are the college base ball teams scheduled to play here today. The first mentioned is to be the opponents of Georgetown, while the latter is to appear at Catholic University. Both visiting teams are said to be very strong.

Seaton Hall has been making an excellent showing in its contests. It won from Mount St. Mary's easily, and the Maryland team is generally represented by a very capable nine. The Massachusetts team has also won several other contests. Amherst generally puts out a nine capable of giving the best the hardest kind of a game. The two games will begin at 4 o'clock.

The games scheduled for yesterday were called off because of the inclement weather. Georgetown was supposed to play the University of Vermont, and the Maryland Aggies had a game booked with Gailard. The Georgetown-Vermont game, of course, is off for the entire season, but it is probable that another date will be selected for the one between M. A. C. and Gailard.

It is probable that there is no sport which has come in for much more censure than the four-mile rowing race. It has been contended many times by competent authorities that the event is too severe and that it should be eliminated from competition between the colleges and a shorter race substituted. The wear and tear on the physique in a close four-mile race is really too much, as is attested by the fact that the last one boys train down for such a race in the short period of time we in America give to rowing. It's different in England, because there a boy begins to row when he is in the grammar school, and by the time he gets to college he is a finished oarsman. Here we have to make the oarsman after he gets to college, and in the few months of training allowed by the college it is impossible to build up a man physically to stand the strain of a four-mile race. If our men were older and had been rowing for a greater length of time they would not think of dropping the four-mile race.

"Another thing that we Americans forget is that our big four-mile races come in June, which oftentimes is the hottest part of the summer, whereas in England the big races come in March or early April, when there is little heat, and a man can exert himself without running the danger of getting sunstruck. It's hard enough to sit in the launch at Poughkeepsie on some of those days when you haven't any work to do, and when you consider making boys row miles, with the thermometer up over 90, it is really, I think, a detriment to their health, likely to result in permanent disability."

"These are two of the reasons why I think a three-mile race should take the place of a four-mile race. We need a longer time to train our men for four miles, and we shall row the race when the weather is cold."

"As for the junior eight-oared race, I think its greatest benefit will be that it will interest more men in rowing. After all, that is what college rowing is for. The more students we can get out on the river the more men we have building up physically, and four seats in a varsity shell will mean that just so many more men will come out."

The best set rolled by any of the individuals was obtained by Downing of the Imperials in the Arcade League. Though his team lost two games to the Goodfellows, Downing rolled a total of 350. He got a mark of 124 in his first, 123 in the second and finished with a score of 103. Otz of the Goodfellows was next, 114 three games totaled him a score of 343. He got one game higher than Downing, in their next they got a mark of 509, while in the last they registered the highest game of the evening, 561. The three contests totaled a set of one pin less than 1,600.

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PERTINENT COMMENT On Happenings in Sportdom

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Doc Ayers' feat of striking out eight consecutive Brooklyn batters in the game here Tuesday has attracted considerable attention around the circuit and particularly in New York. It is but natural that some of the critics who did not see the performance would inquire what Ayers had on the ball to make him so effective. It remains for Kid Elberfeld to give a unique explanation. He blames it all on a sweater which Nick Altrock, who was umpiring, wore. Here is a statement which Elberfeld made to the New York Tribune critic:

"You see, it was all due to Nick Altrock's sweater. Nick was umpiring balls and strikes from behind the pitcher's box and he had on a long black sweater. The day was dark and the ball was muddy, so the batters didn't have a chance to see it with that sweater as a background."

Elberfeld does not explain why his teammates found no trouble hitting Dick Williams, behind whom Altrock also umpired and wore the same sweater.

It is not at all probable that the Nationals will miss Bob Groom. In fact, his desertion may be a blessing in disguise, for it will force the development of several of them. Indications now are that Griffith's pitching staff will be better fortified than it has ever been before, and it is questionable if it would have been accomplished had Groom remained a member of the team.

With Groom out of the fold Griffith found it necessary to give all his attention to his corps of youngsters, and this he has done with a commendable degree of success. It is not that Griffith has found a balance wheel in addition to his marvelous ability as a pitcher he would probably still be among the living and in comfortable circumstances. Rube never commanded a big salary. He peculiarities prevented him from being paid as much as many others who did not have near as much ability. Rube's trouble was that he could not be relied upon. He was just as

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